"LET'S SUMMARIZE THE HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS"

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RCRA MADE EASY?

WHAT IS RCRA?

- Resource
- Conservation &
- Recovery
- Act

WHAT IS RCRA?

 Our nations primary law governing the disposal of solid and hazardous waste

Congress passed on October 21, 1976

 Addressed increasing problem of municipal and industrial waste

RCRA GOALS

- Protecting human health and the environment from the hazards of waste disposal
- Conserving energy and natural resources
- Reducing the amount of waste generated
- Ensuring wastes are managed in an environmentally-sound manner

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RCRA REGULATIONS SUMMARY SHEET

REQUIREMENTS	CESQG Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator [261.5]	SQG Small Quantity Generator	LQG Large Quantity Generator
Monthly Generation Limits	\leq 220 lbs haz. waste &/or \leq 2.2 lbs acute haz. waste *	>220 lbs but <2200 lbs haz. waste & \leq 2.2 lbs acute haz. waste * [262.34(d)]	≥2200 lbs haz. waste or >2.2 lbs acute haz. waste *
2) Accumulation Quantity Limits	≤ 2200 lbs haz. waste &/or ≤ 2.2 lbs acute haz waste onsite	\leq 13,200 lbs haz. waste & \leq 2.2 lbs acute haz waste onsite [262.34(d)]	No limit
3) Accumulation Time Limits	Unlimited	180 days [262.34(d)], 270 days if receiving facility >200 miles [(e)], extensions granted? [(f)]	90 days [262.34(a)], extensions granted? [262.34(b)]
4) EPA ID Number Required	No - voluntary (See NJX program information)	Yes - Contact: Region II USEPA 212-637-4106 [262.12]	Yes - Contact: Region II USEPA 212-637-4106 [262.12]
5) Hazardous Waste Manifest Required	No - Voluntary (See NJX program information)	Yes - unless waste is reclaimed pursuant to 262.20(e)(1)	Yes [262.20]
6) Manifest Copy Retention	None - voluntary	3 years [262.40(a)]	3 years [262.40(a)]
Exception Reporting (failing to receive copy of manifest with TSDF operator signature)	None	None - but within 60 days generator must submit copy of manifest with note that signed TSDF copy is missing	generator must contact initial transporter or the TSDF operator within 35 days of shipping date [262.42(a)] generator must submit written exception report within 45 days of shipping date to NIDEP [262.42(a)]
Land Disposal Restriction notification/certification accompanying shipments	None	Required for certain haz, wastes. Keep your copy for 3 years [268.7]	Required for certain haz. wastes. Keep your copy for 3 years [268.7]
9) Biennial Report	None	None [262.44]	Submitted on each even year to report on manifest activity for previous odd year [262.41]
10) Inspections	None	Weekly for haz. waste storage containers [265.174] Daily/weekly for haz. waste storage tanks [265.201(c)]	Weekly for haz. waste storage containers [265.174] Daily/bimonthly/yearly for haz. waste storage tanks (log required) [265.195]
11) Haz. Waste Training	None	Basic - waste handling familiarization & emergency procedures (no drills required) [262.34(d)(5)(iii)]	Full training (no drills required)
12) Preparedness & Prevention	None	Familiarize fire, police, hospital & have emergency response contractor agreement (formal fire inspection not required) [265.30-37]	Familiarize fire, police, hospital & have emergency response contractor agreement (formal fire inspection not required) [265.30-37]
13) Contingency Plan	None	Basic plan - By the phone: Emer. Coord., name & #, fire dept. #, & locat. of fire ext. & alarm & spill equipment [262.34(d)(5)(ii)]	Complete plan [265.50-56]

GENERATOR CATEGORIES

• CESQG:

Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator

• SQG:

Small Quantity Generator

• LQG:

Large Quantity Generator

MONTHLY GENERATION LIMITS

• CESQG:

- 220 lbs. hazardous waste, and/or
- < 2.2 lbs. acute hazardous waste
- SQG:
 - > 220 lbs. but < 2,220 lbs. hazardous waste, and
 - < 2.2 lbs. acute hazardous waste

MONTHLY GENERATION LIMITS

• LQG:

- \geq 2,220 lbs. hazardous waste, or
- > 2.2 lbs. acute hazardous waste

ACCUMULATION QUANTITY LIMITS

• CESQG:

< 2,220 lbs. hazardous waste, and/or

< 2.2 lbs. acute hazardous waste

• SQG:

≤ 13,200 lbs. hazardous waste, and

• LQG:

No limit

ACCUMULATION TIME LIMITS

- CESQG: No Limit
- SQG:

180 Days

270 Days if destination > 200 miles

• LQG:

90 Days

Extensions can be granted

EPA ID NUMBER REQUIRED?

- CESQG: No (voluntary, includes fee)
- SQG: Yes
- LQG: Yes

MANIFEST REQUIRED?

CESQG: No

• SQG: Yes (unless waste is reclaimed pursuant to 262.20(e)1)

• LQG: Yes

MANIFEST COPY RETENTION

• CESQG: None (voluntary)

• SQG: 3 years

• LQG: 3 years

EXCEPTION REPORTING

 Report submitted when signed manifest is not received from Treatment, Storage & Disposal Facility (TSDF)

CESQG: None

• SQG: None, but within 60 days must submit copy of manifest with note that signed TSDF copy has not been received 16

EXCEPTION REPORTING

• LQG:

 Must contact initial Transporter or TSDF within 35 days of shipping date

 Must submit written Exception Report to NJDEP within 45 days of shipping date

LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTION

- CESQG: None
- SQG:
 - Required for some waste
 - Must keep for 3 years
- LQG:
 - Required for some waste
 - -Must keep for 3 years

BIENNIAL REPORT

CESQG: None

SQG: None

• LQG:

Submitted on each even year to report on manifest activity from previous odd year

FACILITY INSPECTIONS

- CESQG: None
- SQG:
 - Weekly for container areas
 - Daily/Weekly for tanks
- LQG:
 - Weekly for container areas
 - Daily/Bimonthly/Yearly for tanks

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- CESQG: None
- SQG:
 - Basic (waste handling familiarization and emergency procedures)
- LQG:
 - -"Full" training (annual, documented, facility specific)

PREPAREDNESS & PREVENTION

- CESQG: None
- SQG:
 - Familiarize fire, police, hospital and have an emergency response contractor agreement
- LQG:
 - Familiarize fire, police, hospital and have an emergency response contractor agreement

CONTINGENCY PLAN

- CESQG: None
- SQG:
 - -Post Emergency Coordinator name and number, fire department number, and location of fire extinguishers, spill control material, and fire alarm(s) near the telephone
- LQG: Complete Plan

Helpful Links

- http://www.nj.gov/dep/
- RCRA Online
- https://yosemite.epa.gov/osw/rcra.nsf/search 1?OpenForm